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**Long-term plans  
include additions,  
new foot traffic mall**

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Along with all the current projects going on at Missouri Southern, College President Julio Leon says there is a "master plan" that would change the face of the campus dramatically.

Leon said the plan, which is far

from becoming a reality, calls for many new additions and changes to the landscape of the campus.

"There are two things we are working on as part of a master plan," he said.

Leon said the two things include closing down a section of road between Kuhn Hall and Matthews Hall to make a foot traffic mall. The other part of the plan calls for



Leon

revamping the back end of the College to include a service road and parking lot near Taylor Hall and Young Gymnasium.

Also suddenly in the master plan is the addition of a new classroom building. Leon said the idea has been thrown around, but not much more has been discussed concerning adding a new building.

"There hasn't been a place chosen or department designated," Leon said.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, also said no site has been chosen for the new building.

"We'd like to explore, but we

haven't located a site yet," he said.

Discussion of a new classroom building has been raised as the College struggles to find space for all its new instructors. Additional offices are being built in Webster Hall, and a request has been made to build more in Taylor.

However, Leon admitted classroom space is becoming limited as well. The Mills Anderson Justice Center is currently undergoing major construction, which will more than double its size now.

"We're virtually out of classroom space in Webster, although we thought we'd be fixed for another

five years," Leon said. "We think the College will need a new building in the future."

New classes and new equipment are one cause of concern for the administration, as far as where to put it.

"We're going to develop a new program in manufacturing technology," Leon said. "And the international mission is creating new needs."

Leon said the internal growth of the College is what is causing the

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## CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

# Work in progress: Additions to give campus new look

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Looking inside the buildings or around Missouri Southern, many can observe the ongoing process of updating facilities or creating new ones.

Offices being placed, renovations being made to streets, sidewalks being created, athletic facilities finishing completion, and signs put in place are just some of the many tasks facing Southern's physical plant and private contractors.

With all the hustle and bustle, the College takes on the appearance of a work in progress.

However, College President Julio Leon and Senior Vice President John Tiede both say the activity and work are all part of Southern's efforts to grow and expand.

"The bigger the College gets, the more projects there are," Tiede said.

The physical plant is now playing catch-up with all of its projects left unattended while it finished up the work on the

new Student Life Center located.

"They (the physical plant) worked very hard on it," Leon said. "I think the students will really enjoy it."

However, the Student Life Center is old business, and the physical plant is now moving in different directions. One of the top priorities is putting the finishing touches on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications. Tiede said the work is concluding with the placing of

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## COLLEGE LANDMARK

LEFT: Three women perch along the Joplin Junior College 'Sitting Wall' between classes in 1939.  
RIGHT: College President Julio Leon and Barbara (Bell) Ray shovel the first chunks of dirt at the new site of the 'Sitting Wall' at Southern's oval.

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# A PIECE of HISTORY

## JJC 'Sitting Wall' moves to new campus site

By STEPHANIE WARD  
EDUCATION EDITOR

When Joplin Junior College alumni from the 1941-45 war classes asked the question "Whatever happened to...?", they found their answer and decided to bring it to the campus of Missouri Southern. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held Monday for the reconstruction of a "sitting wall" that once encircled the campus of Joplin Junior College at Fourth and Byers.

"The words that came to my mind were, 'It was meant to be,'" said Barbara (Bell) Ray, class of 1942.

At last year's Homecoming, several alumni of the war classes began talking about the old sitting wall on the JJC campus. They wondered where it was today, and conversation turned toward reconstructing the wall and bringing it

to Southern's campus for today's students to use.

"Well, it was the junior college — that (the sitting wall) was the place that everybody visited and met and said, 'I'll see ya at the wall,'" Ray said.

"We didn't have a student union building," she said. "We just had the one building, and we either ran across the street or we sat on the wall."

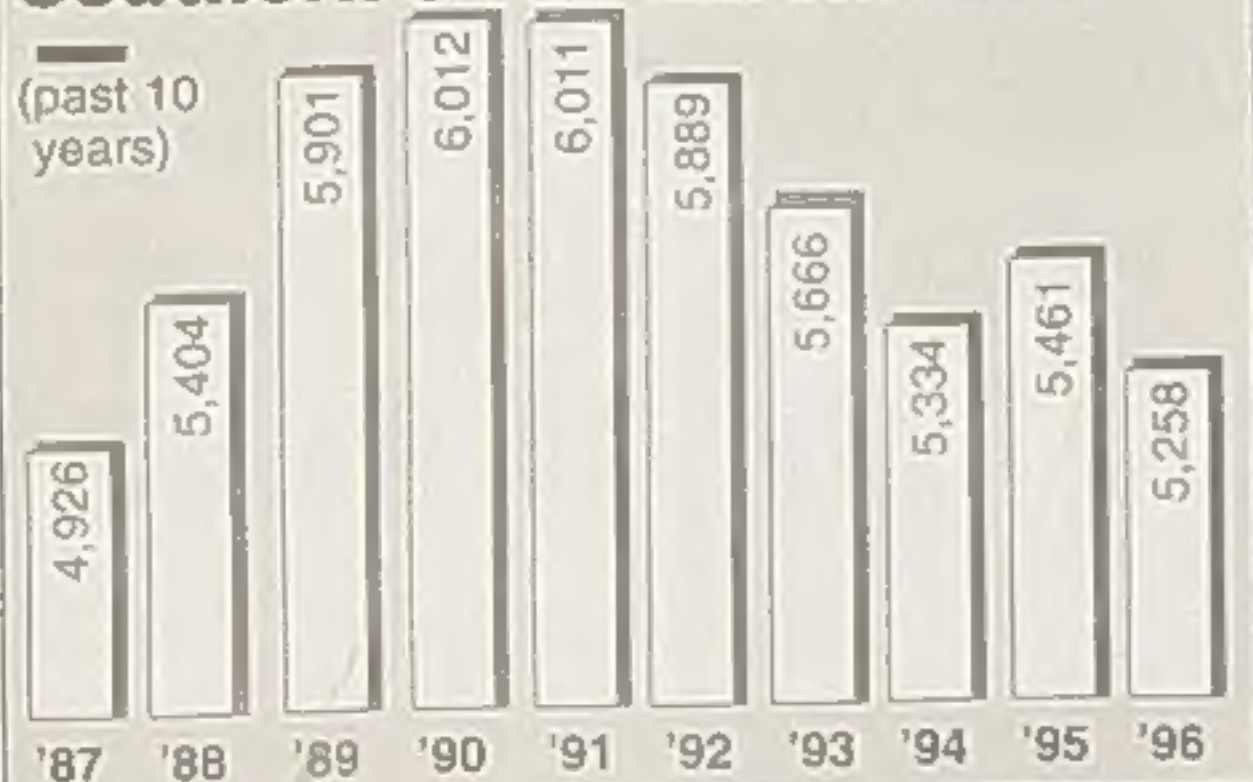
"It was really about the only thing we had to sit on," said Jack Holden, class of 1941.

Ray was selected to locate the old sitting wall, which still existed. Portions of the wall were bought by a local Realtor, and through fund-raisers and donations from alumni, the war classes managed to raise more than \$2,000 for the reconstruction of the wall.

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## ADMISSIONS

### Southern's Fall Enrollment



# Enrollment drops to lowest figure since 1987

**Student count down 3.7%  
from 1995 fall semester**

By RICK ROGERS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Enrollment at Missouri Southern has dropped to its lowest since 1987 with 5,258 students registered for classes, according to the official numbers released by the College Tuesday.

Enrollment in the fall of 1987 was 4,926 full- and part-time students.

This year's enrollment represents a 3.7 per-

cent decrease from last year's count of 5,461.

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, said the decrease is largely due to fewer part-time students at the College.

"Our full-time students are up slightly," Honey said. "The economy may be keeping some of these [part-time] students from returning to school."

College President Julio Leon agreed that the strong economy was the major factor in losing many part-time students.

"Many of them are taking advantage of employment opportunities," he said. "The unemployment rate is the lowest we have had

in a very long, long time."

Leon said he did not know what the College can do to bring back the part-time students.

"We do know that the College offers excellent value," he said. "We are going to have to remain focused on the importance of a college education and that we represent a tremendous economic value of giving the students an education at a very low cost."

Enrollment of part-time students decreased by 768 students from last year's total of 2,707. The enrollment of full-time students dropped slightly

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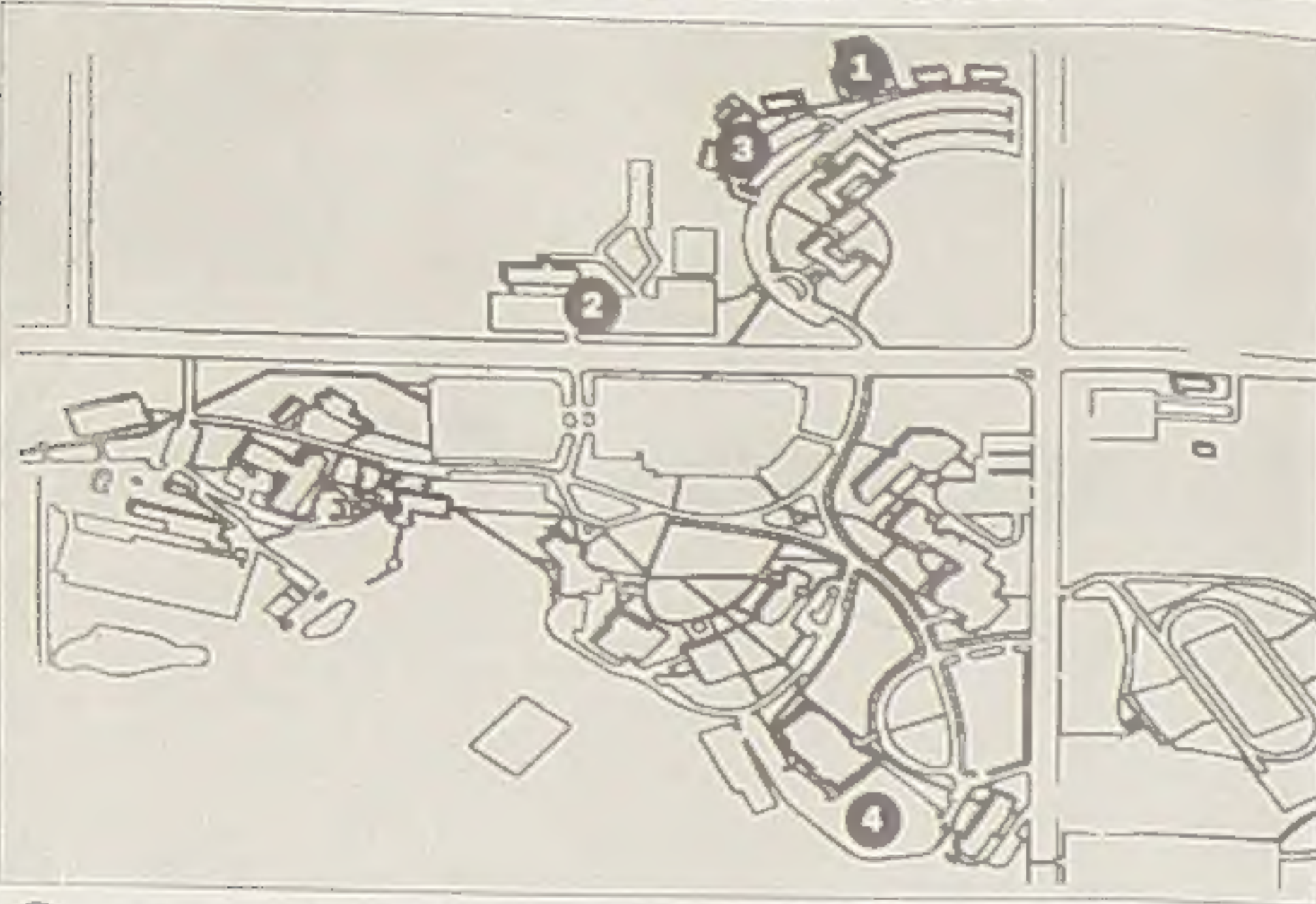
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An exhibit at Southern's Spiva Art Gallery will honor late art professor Darrel Dishman.....page 8





## SECURITY REPORT



- 1 09/11/96 MAUPIN HALL 11:20 p.m. Campus security responded to Maupin Hall, where a female student suffered a diabetic-related shock. Ambulance and fire department personnel treated the student. She then refused to go to the hospital or to see a doctor.
- 2 09/12/96 LOT 12 1 p.m. Ben Sutton, freshman criminal justice major, reported to campus security that his 1986 Mercury Cougar was ill while it was parked on the parking lot in front of the MBs Anderson Justice Center. Sutton noticed a dent on the left rear fender.
- 3 09/13/96 GOCKEL HALL 4:50 a.m. The Joplin Fire Department responded to Gockel Hall, where a male student was in diabetic shock. He was stabilized within minutes and then taken to St. John's Regional Medical Center.
- 4 09/17/96 LOT 16 9:50 a.m. Kelly Slons, senior secondary education major, told campus security that her purse was stolen from her car while it was parked on the lot by the Taylor Education and Psychology building between 9:50 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The purse contained her driver's license, College ID, and video rental card. There was no cash or credit cards.

## ANTE UP



(From left to right) Traci Burton, senior psychology major; Chris Freund, freshman communication major; Natasha Anthony, junior communication major; and Jurgen Schroder, sophomore biology major; play a game of Phase 10 on the third floor of Webster Hall Tuesday to pass the time between their classes.

## WALL: War classes bring bit of history to campus

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A few members of the war classes attended Monday's groundbreaking ceremony.

"To me, it means the enjoyment of meeting with friends before school started, getting the day started off right with a lot of fun and laughter," said Lorraine (Cole) Schultz, who attended JJC from 1939-41.

According to Francis (Armstrong) Flemming, '43, the perpetuation of something significant a half-century before will help those who are still living to remember the meaning of that time period, when people were faced with the possibility of war, and ultimately for those who were fighting at the same time.

Ray said the wall should be com-

pleted by Homecoming this year. "A year ago it was just a dream, and today we're breaking ground," she said.

She plans to join her fellow war alumni, and Southern students as well, sitting on the wall.

"It's a gathering place," she said. "That's what it was then, and that's what it can be for years hence."

"It was meant to be," O

## ENROLLMENT: Part-time numbers show drop

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from 3,551 in 1995 to 3,525 this fall.

Honey said the decrease in enrollment is something the College is concerned about — but is something every institution must deal with on a yearly basis.

"I think (the numbers) are within

that fluctuation that we have been experiencing," she said.

"We all would like it to be going the other direction, but we are trying to look at what the problem is."

The number of total credit hours has also decreased by 300 hours, dropping from 60,763 in 1995 to the present 60,463.

Even though exact number were not available as of Tuesday,

Honey said there was a increase in out-of-state freshmen enrollment this fall.

"Our numbers have increased slightly," she said.

"It is a nice trend to see that out-of-state students are choosing to come to Missouri Southern." O

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STUDENT FEATURE

# Southern's grandma making comeback

Cancer scare doesn't slow down Shaver's busy lifestyle

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Although fighting a battle with cancer, Virginia Shaver, senior communications major, is still determined to get her degree.

Although Shaver, 75, was diagnosed in June with cancer of the pelvis and has taken some time off for radiation treatments, she plans to graduate in May.

Her husband, Dean, died in 1987 after an 18-year bout with the disease.

"When I was diagnosed with cancer, I first thought, 'God, you've made a mistake, I've already dealt with cancer for 18 years,'" she said.

Her cancer prognosis is good, and her struggle with the disease has changed her perspective of illness in general.

"We're living longer all the time and I see no point in living 120 years as a vegetable," she said. "If we don't use our brains, then after a while, that's what we are."

Shaver said it's not so much life, but the

quality thereof that ensures happiness, and she believes education can contribute largely to that quality.

"I'm not saying that school is for everyone, but it certainly has met a need for me," she said. "And I can use my brain. I found out I can still learn, and I think almost anyone my age can still learn."

A retired social worker, Shaver transferred to Missouri Southern from Crowder College in the fall of 1995. This semester, she is completing an independent study in home and plans to serve an internship with an area newspaper.

She has taken a full load of classes each semester and has still maintained a 4.0 grade-point average.

Though getting her education off to a later start, Shaver believes it is for the best.

"I married quite young and didn't have the opportunity to go to school," she said. "I always wanted to, but I've always had children or grandchildren who needed help, so I put mine off."

"I had put it off for a long time, but I feel it

was saved for my golden years because I am enjoying it so much."

Shaver was able to experience the "exciting" life in the residence halls at Southern.

"I lived there for two semesters and loved every minute of it," she said. "I just really thoroughly enjoyed the kids, and I feel like they really accepted me."

According to Shaver, many of the students invited her along to sporting events and other campus activities.

Shaver said she relished many aspects of her time at Southern, especially writing for *The Chart* and attending her Community Journalism class.

"The thing I am interested in most is writing," she said enthusiastically. "And I think probably those two classes have been the most interesting."

She said if her health permits, she would like to obtain employment with a newspaper or magazine in order to utilize her writing skills.

"I would like to have a column of my own, especially for senior citizens, because there is so much need," Shaver said. "I would like to put down all of my ideas on how a person,



STEPHANIE GOAD/The Chart

Virginia Shaver (left) listens as Dr. Karolyn Yocum talks about Shaver's school plans.

as they get older, and especially alone, can inspire someone else. If I inspire one person by what I'm doing, it's worth it."

One person who Shaver said has been especially helpful is her adviser, Dr. Karolyn Yocum, associate professor of communication. Yocum said she was pleased to hear of Shaver's choice to return to school.

"I am delighted that she is back and recovering," she said. "I'm excited for her to be able to meet her goals and finish her degree." □

CAMPUS SECURITY

## Parking citations bounce \$5

By STEPHANIE GOAD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If students find a ticket on their windshields this semester, they may have to dig a little deeper into their pockets because citation fees have gone up.

This is the first time in nine years that the parking citation prices have been adjusted, and Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, said it was high time.

"It's time to emphasize the parking rules so they will be better followed than they have been," he said.

The prices vary, depending on the violation. They range from \$10 for general parking violations to \$30 for parking unlawfully in a handicapped parking zone.

Boyer said the parking citations usually slow down after the first few weeks of the semester when students are more settled in their routines.

"There are more violations than we would like to see, but we hope to see it slow down in the next few weeks," he said.

Several students think the raise in fees is unfair because of the perceived lack of available parking spaces.

"If there were more places to park, maybe we could find a place [that won't warrant a ticket]," said Sarah Ash, sophomore pre-med student. "It's worse this year than it was last year."

Ash said she doesn't believe the hike in prices will curb the parking violation problem.

"More students are driving this year, so there will probably be even more [violations]," she said.

Eva Smothers, sophomore nursing student, said the lack of parking spaces forces students to park in unauthorized areas.

"I want to know where the extra money is going to go," said Monica Helmkamp, a sophomore nursing student who received a \$20 citation for parking in an area designated for car pool.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the fees were not increased as a source of revenue, but for deterring the number of parking violations. He said the extra revenues are not itemized, but put into the overall capital improvement budget.

"What I wanted to do was stay with the \$5 [general fee] and graduate the fine for more offenses," he said. "But the computer database in security doesn't interface with the business office where the fines are paid."

Boyer said he suggests all students who are unfamiliar with the parking regulations come to the security office where they may obtain a free traffic and regulations handbook. □

MARTIAL ARTS



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Tai-chi-chuan instructor Kexi Liu (left) shows Dr. Ree Simpkins, associate professor of sociology, ways to meditate. Liu has been teaching Tai-chi-chuan for five years.

## College learns ancient Chinese secret

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Students wanting to achieve a balance of both the mind and body can enroll in a little-known class created for that exact purpose.

"Tai-chi is the concept of an old Chinese philosophy," said Kexi Liu, instructor of music. "Tai-chi-chuan developed from this concept as a martial art. Now it is also used as an exercise."

The class is offered at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Liu said the ideals behind the art were to reach a balance of the mind and body.

"The philosophy says the world is composed of two forces, yin and yang," Liu said. "Each contain each other and can change the other. The body also has two forces. The yin and the yang must be balanced to remain healthy."

Liu said the yin is black. It contains the

water, the moon, and women. The yang is white, and holds the fire, the sun, and men.

Tai-chi-chuan is also a good cardio-vascular exercise for all ages. Ray Hogue, a student in the class and former physical therapist, has seen the physical value of the art.

Hogue still works as a consultant for area nursing homes and would like to try and implement a similar kind of program for some of the residents.

"I have seen research showing health improvements for older persons through the use of Tai-chi," Hogue said. "I like the way it talks about achieving a wholeness, and balancing the mind and the body. It really helps develop a symmetry."

Liu agreed with Hogue's thoughts and said the exercise was good for anyone, no matter what the age.

Liu has been teaching Tai-chi-chuan at Missouri Southern for five years. He learned

the art in China and has been practicing for more than 20 years. He said he has several reasons for bringing the art and its philosophies to the College.

"I want the American people to know these kinds of things are available," Liu said. "It's a kind of cultural exchange. It helps keep the body in shape, and I hope this will help those who might be suffering."

Liu had planned on offering a Tai-chi sword-play class but was forced to drop it because of low enrollment. He said he needed to have at least six students enrolled in order to keep the class.

"I think maybe people do not understand the description and think it is dangerous," he said. "It is not like fencing at all. It is slow movements and the swords are not sharp. It is the same concept as Tai-chi-chuan. The added weight helps build muscles and tone in the arms." □

STUDENT SENATE



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Darelle Simmons, sophomore, (left) and Tonya Mitchell, junior, fill up at a banquet put on by the cafeteria Wednesday for students to mingle with members of the Student Senate.

## Vote breaks tie, freshman joins

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Two seats in Missouri Southern's Student Senate have been filled after a vote broke a tie in the sophomore race and a freshman stepped in to fill a seat vacated by a senator who left the College.

Freshman Julie Fisher was voted into the Senate after Shaun Foster abruptly left Southern, leaving a hole in the body. Fisher was voted in after she and fellow freshman Vanessa Copeland applied.

"I'm tired of always having my decisions made for me," Fisher told the Senate before the vote was taken. In another vote, sophomore Julie Wiecken lost to Chad Waits in a secret ballot vote.

"I have a lot of friends with different interests," Waits said prior to the vote.

Senate President Grant Miller had hoped to have sophomore senator Julie Chapman take the position in Senate parliamentarian, but because the position carries no vote within the body, Chapman declined.

Miller's next plan was to have Wiecken take the position after she lost, but she also declined. Currently Miller plans to leave his options open. Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, said there are no laws in the Senate constitution that says the position has to be filled. □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

### MSTV program explores agricultural television

The Missouri Department of Agriculture's "AgriMissouri" program will be highlighted on an upcoming *Newsmakers*, produced by Missouri Southern Television.

The program will air at 7:30 p.m. on public television station KOZI Thursday, Sept. 19.

The program promotes Missouri-grown-and-produced food products, with Loyd Wilson from the Missouri Department of Agriculture as a guest speaker.

Also scheduled to air on an episode of *Newsmakers* will be a program focusing on check and credit card fraud.

Joplin Police Department Detective Jeff Trotter will be sharing information about the problems and preventions of check and credit card fraud.

The program, to be aired at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, will also be featuring Jean Campbell, adviser of *Crossroads: The Magazine* who is a check fraud victim. □

### Education majors start their student teaching

More than 40 education majors have begun the end of their schooling by engaging in the required student teaching.

The experience is required as part of the bachelor of science degree in education.

Students will teach in various classrooms for 10 week periods under the supervision of a certified teacher in their academic fields.

The education majors must meet admission standards that include a 2.75 cumulative grade-point average, as well as a 2.5 GPA in their majors. They must also have passed all sections of a comprehensive core curriculum exam. The exam covers all areas of study, such as social studies, math, and language arts. Student teachers must also have an ACT score of 20 or higher and write an autobiography.

Students have to apply for the experience during their junior year and then apply again for the program which starts at the beginning of their senior year.

"The program at Missouri Southern meets the most stringent state and national requirements and Southern has full state and national accreditation under the revised, more stringent guidelines," said Dr. Cameron Pulliam, associate professor of education.

Southern has one of the largest teacher education programs in the state. Candidates for the program must demonstrate mastery of 71 competencies such as well-developed lesson plans and classroom management skills. □

### Computer workshops available this month

The Missouri Southern Fire Training Program and the Missouri Division of Fire Safety are offering a seminar on fire investigation Friday, Sept. 20, in the Matthews Hall Auditorium.

The seminar opens with registration at 8 a.m.

Cost for the program is \$65 per person.

Fire behavior in wood frame structures and mobile homes will be examined, along with burn patterns in concrete. Steps will be detailed for the collection, preservation, and testing of evidence. □

### College offering AIDS testing this semester

Free HIV testing will be available this fall, at the Student Health Center in Kuhn Hall Room 301.

Time for the testing is from 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. on every first and third Wednesday of every month, starting Sept. 4 and ending Nov. 6.

The Joplin City Health Department will be providing the service. Call 625-9323 for an appointment. □



EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Character vs. issues: You decide

As the November election nears, I'm reminded of the typical superficial American herd-voter.

Although a somewhat inexperienced voter myself, I have taken the liberty of studying some of the issues which have been addressed in the recent past — namely the past four years.

The issue I will attempt to tackle here is welfare. Recently, President Clinton signed a bill that cut and limited welfare. One way to look at welfare is as an attempt to quash lower-class America by forcing needy, lazy, or underdeveloped people into the working class.



**Ryan Bronson**  
Associate Editor

Yet others, namely those who depend on welfare benefits, claim it is just a ploy by the rich to get richer.

Cutting welfare can create some dangers, however. The elimination of the lower class could have stratospheric effects on our country.

Consider the circumstances America would be under in our government's new utopia.

A job for every American?  
Health care for every American?  
Less taxes for every American?  
Less spending by the American government?

American this, American that. Please.

It seems like whoever says "American" the most on television will win the election.

Cutting welfare is nothing more than an attempt at Social Darwinism. Doesn't the government understand what the elimination of the lower class will cause?

If the lower class is eliminated, that would only leave two classes — the upper class and the middle class. Now, you middle-class, educated, individuals (with the power to vote, I might add) figure it out. Without a lower class, you become the lower class.

History has shown that a two-class system brings with it drastic implications.

But in today's golden age, where the United States dominates economics, politics, and "democracy," the view of society takes on a whole new worldly meaning. The rest of the world can be our lower class, right?

Now that we are the lone superpower, it makes sense to try to do away with our lower class. The Survival of the Fittest — just one tactic our government is using to keep our country on top of the world.

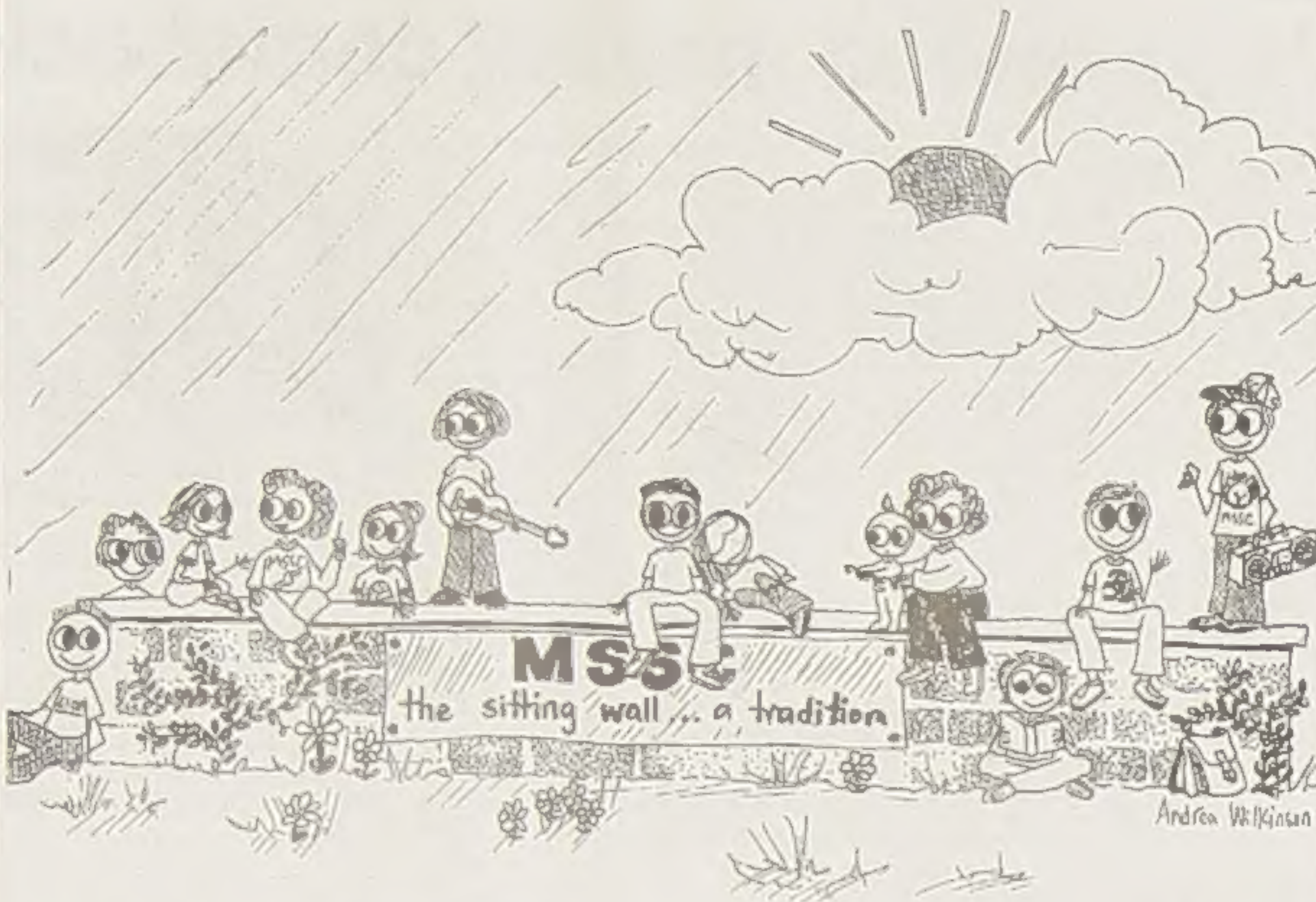
As far as the issues that will come to the forefront during the campaign, I can't see many of them being addressed.

Most of the campaigning is negative campaigning, as the Republican and Democratic national conventions proved.

Both parties realize that a large percentage of Americans vote on character, not issues. Winning the election may come down to who insults who the best.

My best advice for voters this November is to study the issues, even if it is only a few key issues which you can understand and have an opinion about. Take an objective approach. Otherwise, don't vote!

The last thing an educated voter wants to hear is "Please welcome our new leader, the man who will lead us into the future, President Pied Piper." □



OUR EDITORIALS

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## Historic JJC 'Sitting Wall' implants campus nostalgia

How it happened no one may ever know, but finally someone had the bright idea to restore, or rather implant, a little history and nostalgia on the campus of Missouri Southern.

How fitting that this College — which is best known for its collection of lanterns strewn across the midsection of its campus — should bring a little memory from its beginnings to this landscape.

When Missouri Southern was still called Joplin Junior College, there was a little rampart around the compound located at Fourth and Byers Streets.

The wall, affectionately referred to as the "Sitting Wall" was later torn down when the building was razed.

The rock used to make the wall was recently found and bought to bring the history to this campus.

Some brilliant soul once said, "Those who do not study history are destined to repeat it."

Of course, that saying means much more to a freshman

history class, but it still applies in this case.

If the College does not celebrate and remember its roots, this school is likely to fall behind and become nothing more than a second-rate learning institution.

The wall will serve as a constant reminder of how far this College has come since the many different war eras.

As a matter of fact, this wall should be just the tip of a nostalgic iceberg that can bring heritage to a campus so devoid of the concept many don't even know what to relate the College to.

It's impossible to point out any significant landmark on this campus, simply because there are so few.

The lanterns are one example of a landmark, and the old mansion complex is another, but no one can really relate the word landmark with the mansion because the complex is hidden behind walls and trees.

Present students and future students alike should thank the bearers of Southern's newest gift: History. □

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IN PERSPECTIVE

## Technology houses some of our best

It's hard to believe that I'm starting my fourth year as the dean of technology, but even harder to believe the accomplishments and changes that have occurred during these past three years.

Let me echo what you have heard before that Missouri Southern has a top-flight faculty and the school of technology has some of its best. It is because of the hard work and dedication of the faculty that these accomplishments and changes have occurred within the school of technology.

During the past three years technology had not one but four different accrediting bodies make visits to the campus. A self study had to be done by each of the departments before the visit. This amounted to a tremendous additional workload for the faculty. I'm happy to report that radiology tech, nursing, dental hygiene, and the law enforcement academy have all received the maximum length of accreditation. This speaks highly of the faculty in those departments as well as the College as a whole.

In addition to the accreditation visits, each of the departments in the school of technology had its own changes and accomplishments. Nursing has made the transition from an associate degree to a bachelor's. Computer science has changed its entire curriculum to a new computer language as well as offering one of the first full classes over the Internet.

Computer aided drafting (CADD) and computer assisted manufacturing (CAMT) in co-operation with the school of business have started a new four-year degree in manufacturing information management systems. Dental hygiene and nursing have once again had a 100 percent pass rate on the national licensing exams. Criminal justice made the state-mandated change in its curriculum from a 300-hour law enforcement academy to 500 hours.

As a direct result of Dr. Leon's commitment to keeping the school of technology on the cutting edge, we have managed to obtain several large equipment grants. These grants have allowed us to purchase state-of-the-art equipment, which is key in the success of our students in the job market.

Computer science and the CADD area will both be updating their student computer labs this year. The CADD lab will be the most high-tech computer lab on campus. The dental hygiene program will have a new intra-oral camera that will enable the entire class as well as the patient to see any spot inside the mouth. The criminal justice program will be receiving a new patrol car so it can teach the new state-mandated driving course.

Of course, we don't want to forget there will also be a new addition to the justice center that will almost triple the size of the building.

It would be easy to go on and on about what has happened over the past three years, but I also want to talk about where we are headed in the next few years. Missouri Southern has had the benefit of a very dynamic and visionary leader for the past several years. Dr. Leon has now started us on a new and exciting journey, and I might add that he was somehow able to convince the state to finance this

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## THE CHART

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## OVER YOUR HEADS



The roof of Webster Hall provides an aerial view of students scampering off to their next Friday classes.

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## FACULTY TRAVEL

# Gubera experiences Africa

Instructor tours ancient, exotic Mediterranean; establishes liaisons

By SCOTT FRANCIS  
STAFF WRITER

**B**rawling with the natives. Dancing with local women. Being robbed and staying in seedy hotels. Add to that list meetings with high-level government officials, briefings by diplomats from various U.S. Embassies, five-star deluxe accommodations, visits in some of the most ancient and exotic cities in the world, and both official and unofficial tours of the best the western Mediterranean has to offer.

Taken together, all of the above sounds like the makings of a James Bond movie...or a summer vacation. If it doesn't sound like your last summer vacation, it's probably because you weren't in North Africa with Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, and his colleagues for six weeks.

The trip, which was sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, was part of the Joseph J. Malone Program in Arab and Islamic Studies. The purpose of the trip was to "establish liaisons, start more travel study groups, and collect general information on the countries involved," Gubera said.

Gubera was one of several professors who arrived in Casablanca, Morocco, on June 12. From Casablanca, they proceeded to travel to various cities in Morocco, Tunisia, and Andalusia (a province in southern Spain). The group visited such sites as the Rock of Gibraltar, villages on the edge of the Sahara, ancient Carthage, and La Alhambra, a fortress built over 1000 years ago by the Moors in southern Spain.

In each capital city visited, the travelers were greeted by officials from both the local government and the U.S. Embassy, including the embassy in Tangiers — the first one ever built. Inside is the original copy of a letter from George Washington to King Hassan I of Morocco. In the letter, Washington thanks Hassan for Morocco's official diplomatic recognition of the newly created United States of America.

After looking across the Mediterranean Sea, the group crossed the Straits of Gibraltar and visited Seville, Granada, and Cordoba in southern Spain. They returned to the United States on July 21.

The best part of the trip?

"Just blending in and fading away into the background on a Saturday night; experiencing the city as someone who lives there would," Gubera said. "That was the best. As exciting as it was, though, it's nice to be back home. No pickpockets, no beggars, no swindlers — most of the time." □



Gubera

CONRAD GUBERA/Special to The Chart

A North African native rides a mule for transportation on the urban market streets.

## MEDICAL RESEARCH

# Grad accepts job in Japan

By SCOTT FRANCIS  
STAFF WRITER

**A**fter four years at Missouri Southern, more years in the University of Missouri-Rolla's graduate program, and even more years in a post-doctorate position in a laboratory, Dr. Allen Waggoner, professor of chemistry, is finding that his investment in education is finally paying off.

Waggoner, who is a graduate of Missouri Southern and a graduate of the University of Missouri at Rolla with a doctorate in chemistry, has been selected to travel to Japan to assist in setting up a new brain research facility.

Waggoner has spent the past three years working on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) research at the Lovelace Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Because of his experience and his credentials, Waggoner was offered a three-year position with the Japanese Institute of Physical and Chemical Research.

He will be showing the Japanese scientists how to effectively use MRI in aid in researching the brain's ability to recognize objects.

MRI is based on the principle that nerves carry electrical impulses which in turn create small but detectable magnetic fields.

Sophisticated equipment and computers measure the strength of these fields and compare the same areas before and after a certain task is completed by the subject.

The information is then translated into a color "map" of the brain's activity, with different colors denoting different levels of activity. Previously, the Japanese scientists had been using invasive surgery and laboratory animals in their research. Waggoner said that when the new lab is operational, the scientists will be able to study human brain activity directly and in complete comfort and safety to the patient.

Waggoner will be staying in an apartment complex on the grounds of the Institute for International Science building in Wakoshi, a suburb of Tokyo. He departed on Wednesday, and will be in Japan for three years.

Although all research is conducted in English, "the first thing I'm going to do is sign up for a course on Japanese," Waggoner said. □

## GERMAN TABLE

# 'Stammtisch' helps expand knowledge

By AMY DENTNER  
STAFF WRITER

**F**or those interested in expanding their intercultural education, the German Table may offer an enjoyable way to learn.

The German Table, or stammtisch, was created by Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of communications. The organization is a weekly meeting for anyone interested in various aspects of Germany. According to Cramer, the meeting involves viewing films, tapes, pictures, planning trips, and exchanging ideas.

"You learn a lot more about Germany, German-speaking countries, and meet people whom you didn't know existed who are also interested in the same things you are interested in," she said. "Just to meet people and to feel comfortable speaking German without pressure."

Though many of the participants are students and faculty, community members are also welcome.

"We've had people from the city come here and have a chance to speak German, people who have not spoken German in 50 years, which is quite interesting to have," Cramer said.

Though the stammtisch has met only three times, the group already has discussed German landscapes, technological developments, and activities of local interest such as Oktoberfest in Freistadt. Members also watched a film about the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Cramer said the communications department will feature a German Week from Sept. 30 through Oct. 4. She said this will involve a series of talks on the Berlin Wall, what led to Germany's political changes, how they were resolved, and what is happening in the aftermath.

The German Table will celebrate Germany's Reunification Day with an extended meeting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3. Regular meetings are from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. every Thursday in Webster Hall.

In addition to its weekly get-together, the group will also contribute to the International Food Fair on Monday, Sept. 30, in Webster Hall. The ethnic food will be available for sampling between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"Everyone is welcome to join us," Cramer said. □

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Gov. Carnahan speaks at SEMO dedication

Dempster Hall, the new home of the college of business at Southeast Missouri State University, was dedicated Monday with a keynote address by Gov. Mel Carnahan.

"Dempster Hall is truly a state-of-the-art structure," said Dr. Dale Nitzsche, Southeast's new president. "Its importance lies as a symbol for the many students who will walk through its doors as they chart out their careers and their lives."

In addition to Carnahan, Dr. Kala Stroup, Missouri commissioner for higher education and former Southeast president, and Dr. Bill Stacy, president of California State University-San Marcos and former Southeast president, presented remarks.

The \$15.8 million facility, funded through private donations and revenue from a statewide bond issue approved by voters in August 1994, opened Aug. 26. The building contains 11 general classrooms, eight computer labs/rooms, two general seminar rooms, two fully mediated business policy classrooms, a two-way interactive classroom for distance learning, and a 400-seat auditorium.

"Dempster Hall marks the completion of the university's evolution from a teacher's college to a comprehensive university able to lead the southeast Missouri region into a more prosperous 21st century," said Dr. Gerald McDougall, dean of the college of business. □

### Clinefelter to observe NMSU's Dean Hubbard

For the next year, Dr. David Clinefelter will get an opportunity which many would love to have.

"I get to sit back and watch a president work just take in the whole process of running a college," he says.

The president Clinefelter will be observing is Northwest Missouri State University's Dean Hubbard. Clinefelter is taking a year leave of absence as the vice president for academic affairs at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa, to participate in the American Council on Education Fellows Program.

Clinefelter is one of 10 Fellows in this year's program and Northwest's first such "intern." He is working on a variety of projects throughout his year-long stay. For now, he is attending such meetings as the president's cabinet, administrative council, and the strategic planning council.

He hopes through his stay at Northwest to accomplish several goals including learning new leadership styles and decision making, focus more on fund raising, study the impact of technology on a college campus, and the recruiting process. □

### MWSC to host higher education forum

Missouri Western will host a higher education forum Wednesday in St. Joseph. The program is by invitation only and will include discussions on the public higher education system, technical education, and use of technology in higher education.

Dr. Kala Stroup, commissioner for higher education, and Dr. Jack Magruder, president of Truman State University and of the Council on Public Higher Education, will address approximately 40 community representatives, business people, educators, and members of the legislature.

"Dr. Stroup and Dr. Magruder will provide insight on an educational plan that provides access for all citizens in a quality public higher educational system," said Dr. Janet Murphy, Missouri Western president. "They will reaffirm the value of public higher education and the need to have a seamless educational system from kindergarten through college." □

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**Test** Tue., Nov. 26, 1996 - 12:20 p.m. - WH210

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1997; July, 1997; or December, 1997 who have not taken U.S. Gov't or State and Local Gov't in a Missouri College should see Pat Martin, Room H-318 on or before November 14 to sign up to take the test.

Please note: Students taking this test must pay a \$5.00 fee to the Business Office H-210 prior to taking the test; and present your receipt to the instructor when you go to the test room.



## CAMPUS CALENDAR

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19 20 21  
22 23 24 25

### Today 19

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—**  
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall  
**Noon—**  
Latter-Day Saints Student Association, BSC, Room 313  
**1:30 p.m.—**  
International Club, Webster Hall, Room 351  
**6:30 p.m.—**  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, BSC, 2nd floor lounge  
**7 p.m.—**  
Zeta Tau Alpha, Panhellenic Room  
Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, Baptist Student Union Building

### Friday 20

Last day for a partial refund for withdrawal.  
**Noon—**  
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123

### Saturday 21

Campus Activities Board trip to the Renaissance Festival, for tickets call 625-9366  
**1:30 p.m.—**  
Football at Emporia State  
**8 p.m.—**  
"Rock Against Racism", Harper's Bizarre, Springfield, admission fee

### Sunday 22

First day of Autumn  
**7 p.m.—**  
'Color Me Badd' presented by Zar Productions, Memorial Hall, for student discount tickets call 625-9366  
**8 p.m.—**  
Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alumni House, panhellenic room  
Sigma Phi, basement of Stegge Hall

### Monday 23

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—**  
Gift of Life Day, blood drive and free HIV testing sponsored by the Student Nurses Association and HIV/STD Task force, BSC, 3rd floor  
**2:15 p.m.—**  
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, BSC, Room 311  
**4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—**  
Orientation Leaders Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 1103  
**7 p.m.—**  
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

### Tuesday 24

**Noon—**  
Latter-Day Saints Student Association, BSC, Room 313  
**12:20 p.m.—**  
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311  
**4:30 p.m.—**  
Deadline for registration for homecoming campus display competition, float and parade entries, BSC, Room 102  
**7 p.m.—**  
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

### Wednesday 25

**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—**  
Homecoming primary elections  
**Noon to 1 p.m.—**  
Baptist Student Union lunch, Baptist Student Union building  
Sigma Tau Delta, Hearnes Hall, Room 324  
**4 p.m.—**  
Biology Club, guest speaker: physical therapist Lorraine Lovejoy-Evans, Reynolds Hall, Room 319  
**5:30 p.m.—**  
Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, House of Lords Room

## CAMPUS LIFE

# CAB gives students their money's worth

By RONNA SPARKS  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Every full-time student contributes \$9.60 to the budget of the Campus Activities Board, and Val Carlisle said it is their job to make sure students get their money back.

"[Our main goal] is to give students their money's worth," said Carlisle, director of student activities and CAB adviser. "Somehow we try to give each student back their activity fee. Some students get back \$100, others get back nothing. It just depends on the activity and how much they take part in."

The CAB spends students' money in various ways by sponsoring dances, bringing in lecturers, showing movies, etc. that it believes the students will enjoy

and get involved in.

Cara Lunn, sophomore biology major and CAB president, said CAB is there to help students obtain a "diverse college experience" and to make college more enjoyable than just attending classes.

"What I think CAB's main goal is is to get students involved in the campus around them," Lunn said. "We spend so much time doing homework and in class, and CAB tries to make it more fun because everyone tells me college is supposed to be the most fun time of your life."

For many college students, one option they take to make college a more enjoyable experience is to get involved in activities, which is where CAB comes into play by offering events for students to attend.

Many people find the events worthwhile but complain about low attendance, which is a continuing problem on commuter campuses.

"I wish more people could attend their activities," said Eden Aber, junior computer science and mathematics major. "I think the activities are worthwhile because it's just another way to get involved on campus and have fun."

CAB members say student apathy and complaints are one of their main hindrances in planning and promoting events. They claim that although students complain about certain aspects, they don't do anything about them.

"You hear students complaining that they don't like events or we should do this or that, but they don't come to us or they don't come to meetings," said Julie

## CAB executives

President — CARA LUNN  
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Lectures — JULIE WIECKEN  
Tour and Travel — ANDREA EMANUEL (cultural events)  
JANET FERRON

Wiecken, sophomore undeclared major and CAB lectures chair. "If we had input from the students or if they would tell us what they want us to do, I think everyone could be a lot happier."

Carlisle also said she wishes more students would do something if they don't appreciate CAB's work.

"We feel like students don't have

a right to complain if they don't come to meetings," she said. "People who complain and who haven't tried to help or change anything don't have much credibility, at least not in this office."

Carlisle said the CAB is open for new members at any time.

"Once a student pays their activity fee, they basically are a member of CAB," she said. □

## STUDENT FEATURE

...I get to meet a lot of different people. ...

## Harrington takes on new position

### Student supervises evenings in BSC

By SHANDY MCBRIDE  
STAFF WRITER

As if Cameo Harrington's duties as a College Orientation leader, a full-time employee at Lowe's, a part-time student, and the new night director of the Billingsly Student Center aren't enough, the senior has been hired as the assistant coordinator of student activities.

"Cameo is a very competent girl," said Doug Carnahan, dean of students. "She's enthusiastic, mature, and I'm very pleased she took the position."

Harrington, a senior psychology major, is in charge of taking care of the Lions' Den in the evenings. She also acts as an adviser for the Campus Activities Board.

Val Carlisle, director of student activities, said, "I am looking forward to working with Cameo. She has a wonderful personality, so I'm sure she'll get along great with the students."

Harrington has had the night manager position in the Lions'

Den for about a month.

"I enjoy this job because I get to meet a lot of different people," she said. "However, it can get real monotonous if there's nothing going on."

Harrington will graduate in December with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

After graduation Harrington plans to take at least a semester off, but then go somewhere nearby to get her master's degree.

"I want to stay close to home," she said. "I hope to someday get a full-time job in student services at Southern or a job in human resources."

Harrington's advice to students is to "get involved." Extra-curricular activities can really help a person enjoy their self more," she said.

Harrington is the student director of the College Orientation program. She has been an orientation leader for three years.

"I've really enjoyed seeing what it's like being on the other side of the desk," Harrington said.

"I like the one-on-one communication with the students, and most of all I like that I get to help students decide the paths they'll take." □



Making copies in the CAB office at the Lions' Den is just one of the things that keeps senior Cameo Harrington busy during the week.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

## New group promotes networking in job search

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Networking is a term that rose to popularity in the materially superfluous 1980s. But Missouri Southern has welcomed a new human resources group on campus and for it networking is the name of the game.

The Missouri Southern Human Resources Student Chapter is a student branch of a nationwide organization that focuses on the business area of human resources.

"In this field I believe that networking is necessary to break into the job market," said Dr. Terri Agee, director of human resources at the College. "It's come to the point in this fast pace we live in that every connection you can make with a person is an important one."

Sherri Johnson, president of Tri-State Human Resources, a group for professional people, and Agee created the idea for the club. The response was favorable and a new College organization was hatched.

"This group offers students interested in this

field an excellent advantage because they get the opportunity to meet and associate with professional business people in the community," Agee said.

The organization welcomes any business major with an interest in human resources.

"I think [at Missouri Southern] there is a lack of emphasis put on human communications," said Cyndi Adamson, senior business major and president of the chapter.

The chapter meets at 12:15 the first Thursday of each month in Room 103 of Matthews Hall. □

## ORGANIZATIONS

## Club back after short absence

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

After a short hiatus, the Missouri Southern Philosophy Club is looking for a few curious students adventurous enough to join.

The biggest lure to join may be the open agenda for each meeting. While some students may favor a more controlled scene, Lydia Meadows, junior communications major and president of the club, believes it allows time for discussion on a wide range of topics.

"We don't have a set agenda," she said. "We want to be laid back, provoke interesting thoughts, and provide intellectual stimulation. We want to give people the opportunity to air their beliefs."

Discussions on Marxism, Buddhism, and organ donation have been part of past meetings. The next scheduled meeting, features Dr. Brian Babbitt, professor of psychology, who will discuss new laboratory findings concerning Extra Sensory Perception.

The club also offers thought-provoking movies and discussion time. Meetings normally occur in the evenings at the Java House, a local coffee house on the corner of Fourth and Virginia. A date for the meetings has not been set, but an informal business meeting will be held at noon today in the lounge of the Billingsly Student Center.

Dr. Barry Brown, associate professor of philosophy and adviser for the club, says the union of students creates an ideal place to hash out ideas.

"The Philosophy Club is a students' club," he said. "Students pursuing answers in theological questions can pursue them by bringing their questions to the group." □

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# Students keep fit on city walking track



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Mauree Eberhardt (left), Kim Jordan (center), and Beth Hinman take a stroll in the walking park located at Connecticut Ave. and Campbell Parkway.

By BRANDON CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

Several Missouri Southern students have found a new place to hang out this fall.

Rather than sipping Dr Peppers in the student union, they are putting on their Nikes and heading to Joplin's city walking track.

"It's a social activity as well as exercise," said Beth Hinman, a senior Spanish major.

"My friends and I spend time there nearly every day just walking and talking."

On any given night one can find a number of Southern students as well as other Joplinites walking or jogging along the gravel path near Connecticut Avenue and Campbell Parkway.

"I like the convenience of it," said

Terry Good, junior undecided major. "I live at the Park Apartments, so it is real easy to walk there."

The land, deeded to the city in 1944, until recently served as just an outdoor setting in the middle of town.

It wasn't until the early 1990s that the city proposed it be made into a track.

"I used to walk around my neighborhood, but I never felt real safe," Hinman said.

"It's nice to have a place to go away from all the traffic."

The path is an oval, eight-tenths of a mile, shaded by several trees and equipped with a wooden bridge that enables walkers to cross a drainage ditch.

"The bridge is my favorite part," Mauree Eberhardt, sophomore accounting major.

"It adds to the park's character."

A number students offered suggestions as to how to improve the park.

"I wish it had lights," said Kim Jordan, junior elementary education major.

"I like to run in the evening, and it gets awfully dark over there."

"I think the gravel track could use some improvement," Hinman said.

"When it rains, the gravel provides for a lot of big puddles."

Others weren't so critical.

"I had heard there were worries of a litter problem," Eberhardt said.

"But I haven't noticed one. They do a good job of keeping the grass mowed down as well."

The popularity of the park seems to be on the rise, the track is often crowded prior to sunset.

"It is an easy way to feel good about yourself," Good said. □

## SENIOR CITIZENS

### Northpark store widens senior service

Resource center offers health, entertainment, technology

By TAMMY SPICER  
STAFF WRITER

Local seniors may be making a few more trips to the mall due to a new resource center called The VantAge Point.

"We wanted kind of a one-stop shopping idea," said K.C. Brockman, director of the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

The concept of the new center has been in the works for more than four years.

Area hospitals and the Area Agency on Aging were among the groups and businesses that have been striving to make the center a reality, Brockman said.

"We want to help people learn new things and broaden the services already available throughout the community," she said.

The VantAge Point, located in the main entrance corridor in the Northpark Mall, had its grand opening Sept. 11, which coincided with the annual Senior Day. The special activities of the day helped bring in many seniors to look at the new center, according to Brockman.

There were almost 50 different booths, many offering various health screenings and drawings. In addition to the displays there was also musical entertainment, an arts and crafts competition, a fashion show, and dancing.

"It's impressive," said Earl Wert, of Joplin, about his stop at the resource center. "A lot of things have been on my mind lately, and I am hoping to find some answers here."

The center will be staffed with an overall manager, job counselors, and local volunteers, Brockman said.

"It was my dream to have employment be a major part of the new resource center," she said.

The VantAge Point consists of an area for viewing entertainment and educational videos in the comfort of a living room-type atmosphere. The store also contains a modern computer system to help seniors improve their computer skills and to search for employment on a nationwide level.

"I came by The VantAge Point to see a counselor, and maybe she can help me find a job," said Shirley May, of Webb City, "cause I don't think Social Security is going to get the job done."

The center also plans to offer seniors the opportunity to meet with several visiting agencies such as Social Security, Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Job Service office, Brockman said.

So whether they are watching television, working on computers, talking with job counselors, or just visiting with friends, The VantAge Point at the Mall will be a central meeting place for area seniors. □

## MINISTRY

### SOLID ROCK



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Mark Eldridge (left), conducts a bible study Tuesday afternoon for men who are living at Rock Solid Ministries. Eldridge started the christian men's home 10 months ago. Many of the men who live at Rock Solid are former drug addicts and alcoholics.

### Local resident provides sanctuary

By BRANDON CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

Some people live their lives saying they have faith. Mark Eldridge lives by that faith. During the last 10 months he has devoted his time and energy to providing a sanctuary, a place of refuge, for several area men.

"I moved back to Joplin about a year and a half ago," said Eldridge, founder of Rock Solid Ministries.

"I had just rekindled my faith in God and I was hoping to find a Christian men's home to live in. There wasn't one; that's when I saw a need."

Eldridge, a student at Messenger College, spent the next few months remodeling a rental house he owned.

His project was to design a home where area men who needed a place to stay could live.

"I rented out some of the back rooms at first, in order to raise some funds," Eldridge said.

"But when the renters moved out and my finances became more stable, I

allowed some people I had met who couldn't afford to pay rent move in."

There are now seven men living in the home west of Joplin on Central City Road. The ages of the men range from 19 to 54.

"Many of the guys are former drug addicts and alcoholics," Eldridge explained.

"They are basically a bunch of guys who are looking to make a change in their life. This gives them an opportunity to get grounded in the Lord."

Tony Spina is a 20-year-old ex-drug addict who has lived in the house for the last four months.

"I met Mark through an organization called Teen Challenge," Spina said. "It has been a real good thing for me."

"The bond I have with these guys is much stronger than I ever had with any of my drug-addict friends."

Spina met another man, Max Lewis, late this summer at a Narcotics Anonymous meeting. He introduced him to Eldridge, and Lewis moved to the home in early August.

"I had just got into town, and I spent my first few nights at Souls Harbor," Lewis said.

Then I met Tony. I can honestly say until Rock Solid Ministries, I was seriously considering suicide."

The one-story house has several bedrooms. The living room is also lined with beds and equipped with a small pulpit.

"We hold Bible studies daily," Eldridge said. "All of the men are required to attend the studies as well as church on Sundays and Wednesdays."

"There is no time limit for how long the men can stay. As Eldridge explains it, 'the longer the better.'"

The ministry is not financially supported by local churches, but Eldridge hopes it will be one day.

"We live on faith, praying that God will provide," he said.

The public is encouraged to visit Rock Solid Ministries at Rt. 6, Box 353. Anyone who is interested in helping the ministry either spiritually or financially can contact Eldridge at 624-7364. □

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Eastern Shawnee Pow-Wow Friday

The 5th Annual Eastern Shawnee Pow-Wow will be held on September 20-22 at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Complex in West Seneca, Okla.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. Friday followed by the Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Grand entries are also scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Dance contests will be held each day and food and arts and crafts booths will be available. The public is invited to attend the festivities should bring lawn chairs. For more information, persons may call (918) 666-2435. □

### Center celebrates first birthday in Joplin

The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks is celebrating its first birthday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19 at its collection site in the Concorde Plaza, 2639 E. 32nd Street.

The Center is inviting all donors who gave blood a year ago when the Blood Center opened to return and give blood and share in the birthday party.

Cake will be provided to all donors who visit the Center.

In the first year, Community Blood Center of the Ozarks received more than 34,000 units of blood and blood products, benefiting more than 27 hospitals, including Joplin area hospitals.

On Friday, Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will be hosting a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Joplin City Hall at 303 E. 3rd Street. □

### Area principal receives state, national award

The National Association of Elementary School Principals has named Bill King, principal of Westside Elementary School, the 1996 National Distinguished Principal.

King, one of 59 principals receiving the national award in Washington, D.C., this week, became eligible for the award after receiving the Kansas Principal of the Year award from the Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals last November.

King, along with the other winners, will receive a plaque and brass school bell from U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley at the awards banquet Friday in the nation's capital. □

### Council, Duenweg compromise on annex

The Joplin City Council authorized changes in plans to annex approximately eight square miles of territory east of the city.

The changes are based on a compromise between the council and the Duenweg City Council on land both communities wanted to annex.

In the agreement, Duenweg will not seek to annex approximately two square miles of land in conflict between the two cities. As part of the compromise, the city also agreed to an independent study of sewer rates outside the city. Waste water treatment services for Duenweg are provided by Joplin.

In other action, the council heard comments from seven people on a budget that currently estimates operating expenditures at \$29.5 million for next year. The request given to the council were that city funds go for downtown parking, storm-water improvements and mosquito control, spending for city museums, street work and improvements linked to a proposed annexation south and west of Joplin.

The City Council has not added to the preliminary budget drafted by city staff. A work session set for Oct. 7. □

## DEAF FEST

### Ewert Park hosts annual celebration for hearing impaired

Contests and socializing on tap for festival

By KIM GIBSON  
STAFF WRITER

In honor of National Deaf Awareness Week, the Hear a Hand organization will be hosting its fourth-annual Deaf Fest.

Hear a Hand is a social organization for the deaf that began in 1990. The club is open to the deaf and

hearing people who are interested in sign language and in learning more about the hearing impaired.

"They [the deaf] function just like we do, they just don't hear," said Dr. Joyce Booher, Hear a Hand founder.

Deaf Fest is a social gathering which will take place from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday in Joplin's Ewert

Park. The public is welcome.

Admission is free, but participants should bring two food dishes and one dessert for the picnic. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Those attending the event can participate in contests and get a chance to socialize with others like themselves. There will be a contest for the best recipe, cutest baby picture, and a story-telling and joke contest in which people will submit

their best stories and jokes in sign language.

According to Booher, there are two communities: the deaf community and the hearing. She said that Hear a Hand "helps two communities to understand each other better."

Having dealt with hearing-impaired family members all her life, Booher said she started the club because she wanted to pro-

vide a social place to interact and "give deaf people information on things that are going on."

Booher said that the Hear a Hand organization is different from other clubs for the deaf in that the hearing are also invited to join.

For the hearing interpreters, the club provides a place to keep up on changing disability laws and to "become more aware of what's going on in the deaf world." □





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## Coming Attractions

### On Campus



### Spiva Gallery

■ Sept. 23-Oct. 18 — Works of former art professor Darral Dishman and student works on exhibit.

**Taylor Performing Arts Center**  
Sept. 18-21—Waiting for the Parade

### Joplin



### Concert

■ Sept. 22—Color Me Badd hits the stage at Memorial Hall.

**Champs**  
782-4944  
Sept. 20-21—Night Train  
Sept. 27-28—Comfortable Shoes  
**The Bypass**  
624-9095  
Sept. 20—Kelly Hunt Band  
Sept. 27—Walking On Einstein  
**Joplin Little Theatre**  
623-3838  
Oct. 1-6—Hello, Dolly!

### Carthage

**Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre**  
417-358-9665  
Sept. 20-22—Same Time, Next Year  
Oct. 24-26—Gramercy Ghost

### Springfield

**Harper's Bizarre**  
Sept. 21—Rock Against Racism; featuring The Richards, Squelch, Barbie Holocaust, and The Rowsdabouts  
**Lampe Amptitheatre**  
Sept. 21—Ozzy Osbourne, Danzig, Sepultura, Biohazard

### Kansas City

**Sandstone Ampitheatre**  
Sept. 21—Cranberries, Cracker  
**Starlight Theatre**  
Sept. 19—George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars  
Sept. 20—Wheel of Fortune  
Sept. 28—Grover Washington Jr., Ramsey Lewis  
**Midland Theatre**  
Sept. 18—Peter, Paul, & Mary  
**Heartland Theatre**  
Oct. 6—Greater Tuna  
**Memorial Hall**  
Sept. 26—4 Him with Point of Grace  
Sept. 27—Beck  
Oct. 2—Black Crowes

### St. Louis

**Riverport Ampitheatre**  
Sept. 20—Cranberries, Cracker  
Sept. 25—Alanis Morissette  
**Fox Theatre**  
Oct. 1-6—A Chorus Line

### SPIVA ART GALLERY



Val Christensen, assistant professor of art, displays a portrait of former art professor Darral Dishman.

## Exhibit honors late professor

Dishman's pieces to be on display with student works

By GINNY DUMOND  
STAFF WRITER

His untimely death in 1984 didn't put an end to Darral A. Dishman's influence or even instruction at Missouri Southern.

"Darral Dishman: Artist and Educator," an exhibit appearing at the Spiva Art Center Sept. 23 to Oct. 18, reflects on the 18 years Dishman served as an instructor at Southern. Dishman, who died of a heart attack at the age of 47, was director of the Spiva Art Center for 10 years and conducted several arts workshops during his 18 years of service.

"The primary focus of the display will be his work," said Val Christensen, assistant professor of art, "but we will also display some of the work his former students have done."

An example of such work includes a huge 12-piece mural of Dishman that covers most of a gallery wall.

Marilyn Dishman-Horst, Dishman's widow, is also working with the exhibit by providing more of Dishman's art for the display and assisting in the benefit reception that will provide monies for the

“Obviously this was a man respected by many.”

Val Christensen  
Assistant professor of art

Darral A. Dishman Memorial Arts Scholarship memorial fund.

The reception will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 13 at Southern's Spiva Art Gallery.

"We are trying to build the scholarship fund," Christensen said, "so we can begin to distribute the money as quickly as possible."

Dishman was a Kansas City Art Institute graduate who received his master's degree from Pittsburg State University.

He taught in Kansas for several years before coming to Southern in 1966. In his time at Southern, Dishman served as director and head of the art department while painting and selling his own work. The College dedicated a residence hall to his honor last year.

"Obviously this was a man respected by many," Christensen said. □



### MUSIC REVIEW

## Kingfriday's release stylishly macabre

By KEVIN COLEMAN  
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Haunting is the word to describe 186, the first CD release by hometown band Kingfriday.

The band, featuring Shawn Damm singing lead vocals and playing acoustic guitar; Tim Metcalf on lead guitar; Andy South playing bass; and Tony Ferguson on drums, celebrated the release of the CD Friday night at the By-Pass, in a show plagued by technical difficulty.

Most songs on the CD, like "Sacred," "Michael," "Roman Candle," and "Sarah #2" have an eerie dark quality about them that is a little unsettling, even in their live show. The songs are short and full of gloom and despair.

The lyrics of "Sarah #2" speak of love and loss.

"Beloved Sarah, I saw you stumble in the ocean. Beloved Sarah, and the lights fade into the blue... but where are you?"

It is not happy music. Cut number ten, "Pose," has to be the best song on the CD. On this cut Damm

leads off the song with a melodic, almost folksy acoustic performance, with Metcalf taking charge on the chorus, adding some teeth in the number with some biting slide injections. The song teeters precariously between the cool acoustic and burning slide, suspending the listener in a posed balance.

The crowd at the By-Pass was sufficiently moved to get up and dance, and the band didn't falter, even when something went haywire with Damm's acoustic pickup.

At the end of the CD is a surprise

cut, an extra song the band performs in their live show. The cut isn't mentioned on the CD cover, but I think it's worthy of being mentioned in this review.

I say this because Kingfriday is the only band I've ever heard cover Gordon Lightfoot's "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

When I heard the band play the song at the By-Pass, I was kind of surprised. But now that I understand what's going on with Kingfriday's 186, I see that it fits in perfectly with the rest of the CD. 186 is only Kingfriday's first CD. □



### OPENING NIGHT REVIEW

## 'Waiting for the Parade' displays nostalgic flavor

By MICHELLE CONTY  
STAFF WRITER

I laughed, and I thought I was going to cry. Waiting for the Parade, a substance-filled play written by John Murrell, was well performed.

Waiting for the Parade is about how five women deal with the effects of World War II. The play takes place in Calgary, Canada, from 1939 (the beginning of the war for Canada) until 1945 (the end of the war). Each character's experiences, feelings, and actions were different. I easily connected with each character, and the situations they faced.

Sophomore theatre major Rhea Brown played Eve, the young school teacher who does not support the war but still works for the war effort.

Autumn Ross, junior theatre major, plays the longing, lonely wife of a soldier. Nadine Schmidt, assistant to Missouri Southern's

vice president for academic affairs, portrays the guilty Janet; she devotes herself to the war effort to atone for her husband's absence from the conflict. Debbie Burbridge, senior theatre major, plays the moving role of Margaret, a widow who fears losing both sons to the war. Carry Stewart, junior theatre major, plays Marta, a German-Canadian, who deals with the prejudices surrounding her heritage.

The experiences of each character add different dimensions to the play. From fads of the time to war-time flings to battling the loneliness, the women handle the stress of World War II in various ways.

The nostalgia of the time could give enlightenment to those who only know what the text books have to tell.

The only problem I found with my theatre experience was the seating. I was not the only one who found it difficult to see all of the stage during crucial times. □



'Waiting for the Parade', which opened Wednesday night, features actors Autumn Ross (left), Rhea Brown (center), and Debbie Burbridge.

### AD CLUB

## Art pupils find help from AIGA

By MICHELLE CONTY  
STAFF WRITER

Graphic arts students are redesigning their futures by affiliating with the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA). Previously, Southern Concepts, the Missouri Southern advertising club, was part of the American Advertising Federation.

"AAF is a good organization, but they do not fit the needs of our students," said Dave Noblett, adviser and associate professor of graphic design. "They (AAF) are strong in marketing and weak with graphic design. Graphic design is our focus, however, and AIGA is all graphic design."

The AIGA, founded in 1914, has

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## FUTURE: Campus to undergo major change

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space woes on campus.

"We're not having an external growth, but we're having an internal explosion," he said.

However, both Leon and Tiede said other things have priority and are closer to becoming a reality at Southern.

Within five years, Tiede said, the College will erect the walking mall between Kuhn and Matthews, making foot travel in that area much safer than it is now, without any sidewalks.

Closing off the road between the two buildings would generally cut off access to the College from the physical plant, hence the idea for the service road, which would go behind the campus.

Currently, some students have to cross busy Duquesne Road to get to classes during the day from the gravel lot next to Fred G. Hughes Stadium. The new parking lot would be a second tier to the existing one behind Taylor Hall and Young Gymnasium, Tiede said.

Leon also said there are plans to add onto the Spiva Library. □



Tim Parker (left) and Mike Beeler, from Dalton Killinger Construction Co., work on a door frame for new faculty offices on the third floor of Webster Hall.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart

## PROJECTS: Southern continues with ADA improvements

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many signs around campus, as well as a portico added to the library next to the elevator.

Tiede said the ADA modifications will go on for the rest of the year, with the library elevator alcove being the largest project.

Southern's ADA project is winding down with everything in place, according to Leon, who said the College will meet the requirements mandated by the ADA.

"I know one thing," he said, "we obviously try to meet everything that is necessary to be in compliance."

Leon said funds for projects fell short of what was needed to do the jobs, but the College has managed to get the work done.

"The state allocated funds for ADA, but only half of what was needed," he said.

Another major project going on at Southern can't really be noticed, unless one really looks for it.

Behind Fred G. Hughes Stadium, all sorts of equipment has been called in by the National Guard. But this isn't for some military maneuvering. Instead, the National Guard has been contracted to do some work around the softball field.

Sallie Beard, women's athletics director, said the National Guard is

doing the work free of charge as part of its earth-moving training. When all the work is completed, Southern will have another softball diamond, a concession stand between the two fields, a grass practice field for the football team, a regulation javelin approach and throwing sector, a discus pad and sector, and also possibly another softball field for intramural activities.

Although lights will be added to accommodate late tournament games, Leon said there are no plans to lure other tournaments to the site.

"The main motivation is to enhance our softball program," he said. "The soonest we could anticipate using the field is the spring of 1998," Beard said.

Leon said another project under way stems from a request made by the Student Senate last year. Sidewalks are being paved across from Young Gymnasium to accommodate walkers making the trek from one end of campus to the other.

"We call that the Taylor to Taylor," Leon said because of the similarly named Taylor Performing Arts Center and Taylor Hall, which are on the other side of Young Gymnasium.

Before the sidewalk was installed, students were forced to walk in the street or through the parking lots. □

## SPURLIN: Technology continues to improve

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journey. He wants us to prepare southwest Missouri students to live and work on an international basis.

I would like to make a point or two here that might help in clarifying why international.

First, if you would have told me a few years ago that a nurse, dental hygienist, or law enforcement officer in southwest Missouri would need to be able to communicate in Spanish, I would have had a hard time understanding why.

The second point that I would make comes from one of my faculty members who states that there are approximately 350 industries in this area and currently 60 to 70 percent of these deal on an international basis in some capacity.

I have always been told that any road will get you there if you don't know where you are going.

The faculty in the school of technology have been busy trying to decide where they are going and what roads they will take to fulfill Missouri Southern's new international mission. □

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## Sports SCOPE

You aren't doin' fine, Oklahoma

First off, let me apologize for the map to Tahlequah, Okla., printed in *The Chart* last week.

Now that I have followed that obscene map, I am feeling a large amount of guilt for playing a part in sending others on that ill-fated path. I usually don't



P. Nicholas Parker  
Associate Editor

mind driving narrow, curvy roads, but Highway 10 is an exception. This road led us through towns that should be used as human research projects.

I don't think there was a faster way to reach Tahlequah, but there are definitely safer ones. The safest bet, however, is probably just to stay away.

With that out of the way, let me move on and tell of my journey into the only state more frightening than Arkansas.

That's right, folks. My colleagues and I piled into my Mitsubishi and journeyed into (scary music begins now) OKLAHOMA for the Lions' season opener against Northeastern State University.

As we toured west on I-44 and crossed into Oklahoma, I noticed the state was littered with strange signs that I just couldn't quite understand. "Drive Friendly" — what is this sign implying? Or why would there be signs saying "Do not drive into smoke?"

I don't get it. Are there any Okies out there who might be able to explain these phenomena to me? Please send your responses to [TheChart@aol.com](mailto:TheChart@aol.com).

The winning entry will receive a free map to Tahlequah.

After encountering the lovely Will Rogers Turnpike (I hate toll roads), we headed south on Highway 10. I think now is the time I should point out that I have been this frightened only twice in my life — while watching *Deliverance* and *The Shining*.

One town, Scraper, could describe the fear crawling up our spines. Winding through the many near-90-degree turns, a brightly lit sign appeared on the horizon: "Welcome to Scraper." Underneath this travesty was an advertisement, "Milwaukee's Best, only \$4.99."

The beverage of choice for this town is not what I found strange. What I did find odd, however, was that the advertisement was placed with the town's welcome sign.

As we took the minute-long jaunt through Scraper, we saw what must have been the town's only inhabitants gathered at one of two visible buildings. They were talking, gossiping, maybe preparing for a little dueling banjos or reenacting a scene from *Deliverance*.

There were a few good portions of this trip.

One, the Lions walloped Northeastern 28-9. Two, a pair of 7-elevens were spotted along Highway 10.

Although we didn't venture into the land of the "brain freeze," we couldn't figure out why these small towns were honored with a Slurpee machine and Joplin wasn't. Anyway, congrats to the Lion football squad, and good luck Saturday. □

*P. Nicholas Parker*

### FOOTBALL

# Southern thumps Redmen 28-9

Squad heads to Emporia to face young Hornet team

By RICK ROGERS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After almost five weeks of practice, the No. 18-ranked Missouri Southern football Lions, led by the offensive fireworks of Wallace Clay and Brad Cornelsen, quashed Northeastern (Okla.) State University 28-9 in a non-conference match-up Saturday in Tahlequah.

Southern head football coach Jon Lantz said junior tailback Clay was a major factor in the win, scoring two touchdowns and rushing for 152 yards on 20 carries.

After leading 9-7 after the first half, Southern (1-0) scored on its first three possessions in the second half. Clay scored two touchdowns with a 2-yard scamper at the 11:53 mark of the third quarter and a 53-yard run with 1:59 left in the fourth.

Sophomore quarterback Cornelsen provided the Lions with a consistent aerial attack, complet-

## THIS WEEK'S GAME

Missouri Southern  
**LIONS** vs.  
Emporia State  
**HORNETS**

RECORDS: Missouri Southern 1-0  
Emporia State 0-2

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 21, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Emporia, Kan.

ing nine of 16 passes for 156 yards. Cornelsen also threw for two touchdowns, a 14-yard strike to junior tailback Justin Taylor in the first quarter and a 6-yard toss to junior tight end Brad Hocker at the 5:30 mark of the third quarter.

Lantz said his team knows what to expect from both Clay and Cornelsen.

"Both of those players are very capable of those type of performances every week," he said. "I



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Caleb Lewis punts the ball away in Southern's 28-9 victory over Northeastern State (Okla.) University on Saturday. The Lions travel to Emporia to take on the Hornets of Emporia State University this weekend.

would not trade Brad for any quarterback in the league. I think the team really believes in him and thinks we are going to win with him in there."

Senior linebacker Richard Jordan led the Lions' defensive charge with 10 tackles, as Southern allowed the Redmen just 10 yards in the second half.

Southern opens MIAA play Saturday as the Lions travel to Emporia State to take on the 0-2 Hornets. The game will also be the first conference contest for Emporia.

Emporia, the second winless squad the Lions will face in as many games, has fallen to Wayne State 50-38 and No. 6 Fort Hays

State 42-30. Both losses came on the Hornets' home turf.

Southern will be looking for its first win versus Emporia in three seasons and its first victory at Welch Stadium in Lantz's eight-year career at Southern.

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### SOCCER



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Sophomore forward Jose Suarez knocks the ball away from a Dallas Baptist player during Tuesday's game. Suarez' goal, which came in the first minute of the match, lifted the Lions to a 1-0 victory. The Lions will be in action at home today at 4 p.m., against Ozark Baptist.

## Lions win third straight, now 4-1

Soccer coach Jim Cook said he has been pleasantly surprised with his young team's performance this year as Missouri Southern improved to 4-1 with a 1-0 win over Oral Roberts University Tuesday afternoon.

The Lions, who have won three straight matches since a 2-1 loss

to Northeastern State University, will face Ozark Christian College today at 4 p.m. at the Southern soccer field.

Jose Suarez scored the only goal for the Lions Tuesday. Suarez, a sophomore forward from Quito, Ecuador, had taken just one shot on goal in Southern's previous

four matches this season.

Cook, in his second year coaching the Lions, congratulated his team for a positive performance against their only Division I foe in the season.

"We played well," Cook said. "It is an accomplishment, especially when you consider the amount of

scholarships and the amount of resources they have compared to us."

The Lions received three yellow cards in the contest. They now have four in the season.

A Southern opponent received a red card for the second time this season. □

### VOLLEYBALL

## Southern sweeps Lady Panthers 3-0

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After quickly finishing off Drury College in three straight games, the Lady Lions head into this weekend's action at 6-3.

Missouri Southern won its Wednesday evening match 15-7, 15-6, 15-2.

"It was a good match for us," said senior setter Jenny Easter. "We could've played a little better, but we won."

Head coach Debbie Traywick said her team played well and is continuing to improve as the season moves along. Traywick's usual starting six received some help from the bench Wednesday night as well.

"Lorin Pope came off the bench in the third game and played real well for us," Traywick said.

"Lorin just keeps improving as a

player. She is young and has some great athletic ability. I have a lot of confidence in my bench right now."

Three Lady Lions, Neely Burkhardt, Stephanie Gockley, and Kristen Harris, finished the match with 8 kills, leading the team to a .493 hitting percentage.

Easter helped the hitting efforts with 40 assists.

Southern came into Wednesday's match after a tough 1-1 weekend at Central Missouri State University. The Lady Lions beat Henderson State University on Friday before falling to West Texas A&M University on Saturday.

"Against Henderson we had our ups and downs, but it's early in the season still and that's to be expected," Traywick said. "Against West Texas, we just didn't play well."

It wasn't intimidation or anything like that, we just didn't focus. The next time we face them we'll know

what to expect and will play better."

Easter said the loss against West Texas was tough, but the team will move on.

There were some good things and some bad things last weekend," Easter said.

"But we're not hurt too bad. We still have a lot of room and time to improve."

The Lady Lions move on to face Truman State University and Washburn University at Kirksville, Mo., on Friday and Saturday.

Southern finished its season last year with a loss against Washburn. "Washburn came back and beat us last year," Traywick said. "It left us with a bitter taste and we want to go in and prove something to them."

Southern will return to the home court on Wednesday, Oct. 1, to play Central Missouri State University. □



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Senior Neely Burkhardt was one of three Lady Lions with eight kills.

### CROSS COUNTRY

## Squad falls short at meet

By JASON OWEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Even though the Missouri Southern cross country teams ran the same course at the University of Kansas this weekend, they ran two very different races.

"We just got beat," said Tom Rutledge, head men's cross country coach. "We got beat by everybody."

Even though the competition was stiff, Rutledge made no excuses.

"We were running against Division I teams like Michigan and Kansas, but teams like Rolla and Pitt were also there," he said. "We just didn't run a good race."

Rutledge also said he held out runners Brian Hill and Dusty Franks because of injury.

"Brian and Dusty would have made a difference, but we just couldn't run them," Rutledge said. The day was not all bad, however, as Rutledge said he did see a few bright spots.

"We did have a few good things happen," he said. "Our freshmen are running better. They actually came through the three-mile mark better than ever, but they started to fade as soon as they hit it."

"Another good thing was that our freshmen saw how it was going to be in real competition. They now realize they are going to have to step it up if we are to be successful."

The last thing Rutledge wants is for his team to be measured by this race.

"We had a bad race, we are not a bad team," he said. "This is a hard working, good bunch of guys who four years ago would have been conference champs. That just goes to show how things change."

The women had much different results as every runner set personal records against very stiff competition.

"We had a very good meet," said Patty Vavra, head women's cross country coach. "We ran very well, on a very challenging course."

The race of the day, Vavra said, came out of runner Chris Hiencke. "Chris ran great, finally breaking the twenty minute mark with a time of 19:51. Her hard work this summer is really showing."

Hiencke said she was extremely excited to finally break the barrier.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "When I crossed the finish line and the guy said 19:51, I just started dancing around. It just felt so good to finally break 20." □



WOMEN'S SOCCER

“Some girls actually play tougher on the field.”

# Latlip shoots for new club

By DAN WISZKON  
STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Latlip, junior communications major, is getting tired of playing by herself.

The transfer student from Southwest Baptist University is trying to start a women's soccer club at Missouri Southern.

Latlip played halfback last year for SBU and would like to see Southern implement an organized club that could compete with other colleges.

“We have a boys' team, so there should be a girls' team,” she said. “Some girls actually play tougher on the field.”

Southern has never had a women's soccer team, but the College had a club in the 1970s. Latlip said the new club can follow the same guidelines and objectives as the old organization.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said he supports Latlip's campaign to start a women's soccer club.

He pointed out, however, that it must be formally approved by himself and Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, the Student Senate, and the Board of Regents in order to make it happen.

The club must also have a faculty adviser or coach in addition to liability insurance if members competed against other colleges.

“The liability insurance is a concern they have to work out,” Carnahan said.

“We have to be careful with club sports, which makes sense. But having a girls' soccer club would be great.”

Latlip's main challenge right now is to find players.

“I can get uniforms and everything with no problem,” she said.

“Basically, all I need to do now is find girls who want to play.”



Kathleen Latlip, junior communications major, leads a group attempting to start a women's soccer organization at Southern.

But getting about 15 women interested in joining a soccer club has been more of a challenge than Latlip expected.

Asking other students living in the residence halls to join her through word-of-mouth attempts has proved futile.

She is currently working on getting some flyers printed to circulate around campus in hopes of generating some interest.

“A lot of girls want to play but

don't think they're good enough,” Latlip said. “Anyone can play. You just have to learn the basic rules of the game.”

Because many of the other regional colleges, such as Southwest Missouri State University and Drury, have a women's soccer team, finding some competition should be easy.

Latlip said she would like to see if some of these teams will play against her team in a scrimmage once her club is established. □

TENNIS

# Optimism key for team

Fisher seeks redemption during 'rebuilding' season

By AARON DESLATTE  
STAFF WRITER

With a healthy team and an optimistic attitude, Missouri Southern tennis coach Jill Fisher has her eyes set on redemption.

Coming off a lackluster 8-7 finish last season, third-year coach Fisher is striving to rise above the mediocrity of a season plagued by injuries.

“Unfortunately, last year my No. 1 player sprained her ankle and was out for five matches,” she said. “We probably would have

won three or four out of those five, but there's nothing you can do. When you lose your No. 1 player, everyone else has to step up and play in a position they're not comfortable with.”

But with the start of the season lurking ominously near, Fisher cannot afford to dwell on the shortcomings of last year.

“Our first match is Sept. 21 in Columbia,” she said. “It's a double match.”

Fisher has a great deal of work ahead in coaching a younger team this year, made up primarily of new faces.

“I've got two returners,” she said. “Heather Andrews, my No. 1 girl from last year, and Valerie Butler, my No. 4 girl, who had the best record, are both back. I also have five new players this year,

and I expect to be as strong a team as we were last season.”

With her hands full, in what is clearly a rebuilding season, Fisher has what she hopes are attainable goals for her new team.

“I want to have a winning season, and hopefully have some girls do well in the conference,” she said. “But this is just the fall, so we have a long way to go until April.”

But when that time comes, Fisher expects her new squad to hold its own in conference play.

“There are a couple teams in our conference that are really strong: Northwest Missouri and Washburn,” she said. “But after those two, I feel we are right up there with the rest of the schools. I feel we'll be very competitive in our conference.” □

# FOOTBALL: Lions open conference season

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“We would really, really like to beat them,” he said. “Our seniors have never won at Emporia. Any place in our league is tough to win at, but I think Emporia is definitely one of the toughest places to win at.”

In last year's meeting, Emporia rattled off 26 second-half points to complete a 26-21 come-from-behind victory at Hughes Stadium. Southern also lost to Emporia on the road in 1994.

But this season Emporia fields a young, inexperienced squad with 46 of its 111 players entering their freshmen or sophomore seasons.

Head coach Manny Matsakis said because his team has only four seniors, its goal is not to win but to improve each week.

“At times we start anywhere from five to eight freshmen on our defense,” Matsakis said.

“We do not recruit junior college players very much, so we are just trying to build a new program around the young talent we presently have.”

Emporia's junior quarterback, Pete Jelovic, has filled the shoes of former quarterback Sean Ponder, completing 39 of 92 passes for 533 yards and four touchdowns. □

## 100-yard rushers

Lions who have rushed for 100 yards or more in at least 10 games:

- 17, Harold Noifalise
- 16, Larry Barnes
- 12, Albert Bland
- 11, Lydell Williams
- 10, Robert Davis



# AD CLUB: Organization changes affiliations

From page 8

The AIGA, founded in 1914, has more than 7,000 members across the country, 2,000 of whom are students. AIGA members concern themselves with the quality of design in the United States.

“When a student member of the AIGA graduates, he or she automatically becomes a professional member,” Nobleit said.

“Students will benefit greatly [by the change in affiliations] because this is such a prestigious organization in the graphics arts field.”

They (AIGA) stand for quality design, and offer networking possibilities and the chance to work with and observe professionals.”

The organization helps its members get a foot in the door by reviewing portfolios, publishing a

membership directory, and giving opportunity for job experience.

Although Southern Concepts is located in the graphic arts department, membership is not limited to graphic art majors.

“Regardless of a student's major, as long as they are interested in some aspect of graphic art they are welcome to join Southern Concepts,” said Kim Bell, Concepts president. □

# Southern Scoreboard

The scores, stats, and numbers every Lions fan should know.

## FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings as of Sept. 17

	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Central Missouri	2-0	0-0
2. Missouri-Rolla	2-0	0-0
3. Missouri Western	2-0	0-0
4. Northwest Missouri	1-0	0-0
5. Missouri Southern	1-0	0-0
6. Southwest Baptist	0-1	0-0
7. Pittsburg State	0-1	0-0
8. Washburn	0-1	0-0
9. Emporia State	0-2	0-0

MIAA Results

SEPT. 12 RESULTS  
Central Missouri State 63, Southwestern (Kan.) College 34

SEPT. 13 RESULTS  
Missouri Southern 28, Northeastern (Okla.) State 9  
Washburn 7, Fort Hays State 21  
Southwest Baptist 16, Ouachita Baptist 21

MIAA Schedule

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE  
Missouri Southern @ Emporia State  
Northwestern Missouri @ Southwest Baptist  
Truman State @ Missouri-Rolla  
Missouri Western @ Washburn  
Pittsburg State @ Central Missouri State

## VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings as of Sept. 8

	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Missouri Southern	5-3	2-0
2. Central Missouri	12-1	1-0
3. Emporia State	11-4	1-0
4. Northwest Missouri	8-3	1-0
5. Pittsburg State	4-8	1-1
6. Truman State	7-6	0-0
7. Missouri Western	0-10	0-1
8. Southwest Baptist	3-2	0-2
9. Washburn	3-3	0-2

MIAA Results

SEPT. 17 RESULTS  
@ Southwest Baptist 0, Missouri Southern 3  
@ Pittsburg State 3, Washburn 2

SEPT. 18 RESULTS  
Missouri Southern 3, Drury College 0

MIAA Schedule

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE  
Central Bible (Mo.) @ Southwest Baptist  
Northwest Missouri @ Truman State

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE  
MIAA Weekend I @ Truman State  
Central Missouri State vs. Emporia State  
Missouri Western vs. Southwest Baptist  
Northwest Missouri vs. Pittsburg State  
Missouri Southern @ Truman State

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE  
MIAA Weekend I @ Truman State  
Central Missouri vs. Emporia State  
Emporia State vs. Missouri Western  
Missouri Southern vs. Washburn  
Pittsburg State @ Truman State  
Emporia State @ Southwest Baptist  
Washburn @ Truman State

## SOCCER

MIAA Standings as of Sept. 8

	Overall W-L	Conf. W-L
1. Missouri Southern	4-1	0-0
2. Truman State	4-2	0-0
3. Missouri-Rolla	3-2	0-0
4. Southwest Baptist	2-2	0-0
5. Lincoln	1-5	0-0

MIAA Schedule

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE  
Ozark Christian @ Missouri Southern

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE  
Northeastern (Okla.) State @ Southwest Baptist

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE  
William Jewell (Mo.) @ Southwest Baptist  
Rockhurst (Mo.) @ Truman State  
Missouri-Rolla @ Central Methodist  
Harris-Stowe State @ Lincoln

## X-COUNTRY

MIAA Schedule

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE  
Pittsburg State @ Southwestern (Kan.) Invitational

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE  
Northwest Missouri State, Truman State Men @ Nebraska Woody Greene Invitational

Central Missouri State, Missouri-Rolla, Southwest Baptist, Truman State Women @ Missouri Southern Stampede

MIAA Athletes of the Week

FOOTBALL (OFFENSE)  
Steve Hodson, RB, UMR

FOOTBALL (DEFENSE)  
Tony Scollard, LB, WU

VOLLEYBALL (HITTER)  
Dara Corpe, OH, CMSU

VOLLEYBALL (SETTER)  
Jaime St. Marie, S, CMSU

SOCCER  
Ryan Ruper, F, MSSC

Men's Cross Country  
Jumain Mitchell, ESU

Women's Cross Country  
Kathy Kearns, NWMSU

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■ **Soccer**  
Thursday — Missouri Southern hosts Ozark Christian College, 4 p.m.

■ **Volleyball**  
Friday — Missouri Southern at Truman State, in Kirksville, 7 p.m.

■ **Football**  
Saturday — Missouri Southern at Emporia State, in Emporia Kan., 1:30 p.m.

■ **Volleyball**  
Saturday — MIAA Weekend I at Truman State: Missouri Southern vs. Washburn, noon.

■ **Cross Country**  
Saturday — Missouri Southern hosts the Jock's Nitch-MSSC Southern Stampede

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# Planes Buzz over Joplin



Workers prepare one of many aerobatic planes featured during the Missouri Sky Busters Midwest Aerobatic Championships last weekend.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

MISSOURI SKY BUSTERS MIDWEST AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Array of pilots provide entertainment for all ages

By DEBORAH SOLOMON  
MANAGING EDITOR

With a buzz in the air and the threat of rain, contestants and helpers quickly gas up planes and pilots push their aircrafts out of the way in preparation for the last day of competition.

Spectators (some estimations say in the thousands) line the air field behind orange ropes, milling about, watching the sky.

The second Missouri Sky Busters Midwest Aerobatic Championships were held Friday and Saturday at the Joplin Regional Airport.

"The pilots come from all over the United States," said Steve Stockam, Joplin Regional Airport manager. "They are warming up for the world championships which will begin in Dennison, Texas, next weekend."

The pilots are also competing for \$5,000 and national standings.

Although the entries of 17 planes is down from last year's event, Stockam still considers it a good turnout. According to Stockam, the low attendance is due to such a heavy competition schedule.

"These pilots have been flying contests for the last five weeks, so a lot of them are tired," he said.

The event, sponsored by the Joplin Regional Airport and the International Aerobatics Club Chapter 15 from Kansas City, is one that many would like to see as a regular stop on the competition circuit.

Actions were taken earlier this year to make this a step closer to being possible. The aerobatic pilots must perform in an aerobatics box. To have one of these "boxes," an FAA waiver must be obtained.

The Joplin Regional Airport has secured a two-year full-time aerobatics box at the north end of the airport, allowing local pilots practice time.

Airport officials are also hoping to bring in instructors who conduct aerobatics training schools to help build up the contest throughout the nation and world.

Mark Tyrrell, a local aerobatics pilot, is happy to have the practice box available.

"To do really well, you should practice at least three times a week," he said. "To be honest, I haven't practiced in two months. I will take advantage of this opportunity."

Tyrrell has been aerobatic flying for only a year, but has flown for about 20 years.

"I built a plane in my garage," he said. "My wife thought I was crazy, that it would never fly. I flew that plane for four years."

Tyrrell said he became interested in flying when two friends who did aerobatics thought he would be the type of person who would like it.

"Unfortunately they got me up there," he said. "They took me upside down and I was hooked."

Tyrrell placed second in a competition this summer in Stillwater, Okla.

"I'm holding first place right now [in Joplin's competition]," he said.

"If I have to fly again and lose that position, it may be a different story. If I walk away with first place I bet I'll be back for more. It is like a drug."

Tyrrell placed first in the basic class and received \$150.

For Steve Johnson, of Nashville, Tenn., flying in Joplin allows him to visit family and friends.

"I'm from Springfield," he said. "This contest is an awful long way away for me, but I like it."

Johnson, who flies in the intermediate class, began flying with his father, a Navy and civilian pilot, — five years ago — became hooked on the aerobatic bug.

"I flew ultra-lights, I sky dived, and I hang-glided," he said. "I went through several aviation activities until I found aerobatics. I'm here to stay."

Johnson also judges other divisions.

"It takes more volunteers than pilots to run an event and if we want to have a contest, we volunteer to judge, too," he said.

Even though not all judges are pilots, that gives a balance to the field, according to Johnson.

"A lot of people who aren't pilots are judges," he said. "They can't tell us how to fix a mistake, but they can tell us more precisely what is wrong. The judges who are pilots want to tell you how to fix the mistake, instead of exactly what you did wrong."

"With judges who can tell a pilot how to fix a mistake and judges who can tell a pilot what the mistake is, the pilot gets a very good feeling on how to fix it the next time up." □

“Unfortunately they got me up there. They took me upside-down and I was hooked.”

Mark Tyrrell  
Aerobatic pilot



Blaine Parsons, from Columbus, has put on his own air show during Saturday's festivities.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

## FEATURE Sky Busters competition ignites pilot's lust for extreme maneuvers



TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

Workers push pilot Ken Stout's plane to the starting point before liftoff during the first day of flights.

By TAMMY SPICER  
STAFF WRITER

Living close to the local airport and being too small for sports in school were two of the driving forces that pushed Ken Stout of Woodbine, Kan., toward his dream of being a pilot.

"I used to spend a lot of time hanging out at the airport," Stout said. "And when I turned 17 I got my pilot's license."

Stout was one of the competitors in the second Missouri Sky Busters Midwest Aerobatic Championships at the Joplin Regional Airport.

"This isn't an air show; we aren't stunt pilots," Stout said. "This is an aerobatic competition."

The competition field consisted of five categories: basic, sportsman, intermediate, advanced and unlimited, according to the pilots' experience and the aircraft, Stout said.

"It's a little like figure skating," he explained. "We have to do a routine in a set amount of time and then we are

graded on compulsory figures."

The pilots must keep their planes in an imaginary box, measuring 3,300 feet high and 3,300 feet wide and long. They are scored on their ability to stay in the box and by the difficulty and completion of the maneuvers, Stout said.

"I compete in the intermediate category," he said. "My plane has the lowest power in that class. It's like taking a Volkswagen to a Ferrari race."

Stout has had his plane, a Bellanca Super Decathlon, since 1979. One of the features of his plane is that it is a two-seater and a dual-control can be set up in the back seat for aerobatic instruction.

That comes in handy for lessons or when he takes one of his two daughters, Susan, 7, and Becca, 5, for rides.

"Right now they mostly just sit and watch," he said. "When they are old enough and if they want to, I'd love for them to get their licenses."

When he isn't busy doing flips in the sky, Stout works as a banker in Woodbine. □